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MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1916.

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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE PERIA TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING.

SANK IN FIVE MINUTES: NEARLY 400 LIVES LOST.

American Consul Drowned: Lord Montagu Among the Missing.

RUSSIA'S OFFENSIVE: 870 PRISONERS TAKEN.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE ILL-FATED PERIA.

SAD SCENES IN LONDON.

January 2, 1.50 p.m.
The underwriters of the a.s. Peria will probably have to face a considerable sum.
The P. and O. offices in London were besieged by enquirers last evening. There were many men in khaki accompanied by tearful women. Some spent the night in the waiting room.

AMERICAN CONSUL DROWNED.

January 2, 2.45 p.m.
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LORD MONTAGU MISSING.

January 2, 3.45 a.m.
The American, Mr. Grant, is among those saved, but up to the present Lord Montagu and Mr. McNeeley are missing.

THE SURVIVORS.

January 2, 3.45 p.m.
The following is a list of the survivors of the Peria:—
Messrs. Dickie, W. Esthorne, A. Foy, G. Gifford, C. Grant, Gustadgoe, L. Hallett, G. Hyman, Heans, Johnson, Knight, S. P. Lawrence, L. Moss, G. Newman, O. Pegg, Ross, E. Soper, H. Salmon Smith, W. E. Smith, Will Smith, Walter Smith, T. Scott, Sharp and Wellington.
Madames Hatchison, Russ, Smyth and Shanks.
Misses Cook, Eladgate, Lee, Marwick and Pengaskell.
Major O'Reilly and Hutchinson.
Captains Berryman, Knibbe, Lyell and Nelson.
Lieutenants Fisher and Spinney.
Second Lieutenant Gardner.

TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING.

January 2, 6.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that the Peria was torpedoed without warning, and sank in a few minutes.

390 LIVES LOST.

January 2, 8.05 p.m.
A message from Cairo states that the torpedo struck the Peria amidships at 1.10 in the afternoon, and the vessel completely disappeared by 1.15.
It was a miracle that anyone was saved. There was no panic. Four boats were launched most promptly, and about 160 were saved out of 550.

THE CAPTAIN DROWNED.

January 2, 8.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that the Captain of the Peria was drowned. He was last seen swimming after the liner had taken her plunge.

CONFIRMATION OF MR. MCNEELEY'S DEATH.

January 2, 9.20 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the American Consul at Alexandria reports that Mr. McNeeley, the American Consul at Aden, was drowned on the Peria. He was last seen swimming.
No submarine was seen, but an officer of the Peria states he saw the wake of the torpedo which struck the ship, the vessel sinking in five minutes.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

CALLING OUT BRITISHERS.

A PENDING PROCLAMATION.

January 2, 1.50 p.m.
It is expected that the Proclamation calling out the second set of four groups under Lord Derby's scheme will be issued next week.
MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SON PROMOTED.

January 2, 1.50 p.m.
Mr. Lloyd George's son Richard has been gazetted a Temporary M. J.

THE RUSSIANS.

AN ENEMY EXCUSE.

January 2, 1.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Austro-German aim was to capture Tarnopol and Novo Alexinets, but when they failed they pretended that the offensive came from the Russians.
SEVERAL HEIGHTS CAPTURED.

January 2, 11.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Russians have captured several heights north-east of Czernowitz, taking 970 prisoners.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

GENERAL ACTIVITY.

January 1, 12.00 a.m.
An official despatch from Headquarters states: Last night south-east of Armentieres a small party of our troops seized a portion of the German front line and inflicted several casualties. After fulfilling its mission the party withdrew. Our loss was only a few wounded. The enemy in the morning exploded a mine near the Hohenzollern Redoubt but failed to do any damage. There has been less artillery activity to-day.

January 1, 4.35 p.m.
The Paris communique says that minor operations have been favourable to the French.

January 2, 1.15 a.m.
The Paris communique states:—Between the Aisne and the Oise our heavy artillery silenced enemy batteries south of Roye. There was mine-fighting between St. Quentin and Rheims, also great activity with the French artillery in the Vosges, in Nablach region. An enemy long-range gun dropped ten shells on Nancy, killing two inhabitants and wounding seven. The material damage was slight. We immediately silenced the gun.

THE RUSSIANS.

GRATIFYING NEWS OF SUCCESSES.

January 1, 2.55 p.m.
The Russians are still silent as to the Besa Arabian battles. Apparently in accordance with the policy which followed the great offensive early in the war, they are waiting for a decisive score; but the Austrian communiques indicate clearly that the Russian attacks in Galicia are becoming more violent and more important and that they are not confined to the Besa Arabian front, but extending east of the river Strypa. The Russians have succeeded in smashing the Austrian lines at several points. The Austrians only claim that their advance has stopped the Russian advance, which indicates that the advance is only partially stopped. Though they assert that the Russian losses are excessive, they only mention that 486 Russian dead were found at two points.

January 2, 3.05 a.m.
A Petrograd communique reports that desperate fighting is in progress south of the Pripiet river. The Russians have crossed the river Styk between the Kovel and Sarny railway and Tchernobyl and they have held the Kovel against repeated counter-attacks. The Russians have also advanced north of Olyk and occupied two lines of enemy trenches in the river Strypa region. They drove the enemy back to the right bank of the Dniester and, between the Dniester and the Rumanian frontier, they broke the enemy entanglements and captured and consolidated the ground.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

MONTENEGRIN SUCCESS.

January 1, 2.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Cetinje reports that the Montenegrins have had further successes, annihilating an enemy detachment and capturing prisoners at Novibazar. They also repulsed an Austrian attack on the Lovcen front, inflicting great losses.

January 2, 3.05 a.m.
A Montenegrin communique mentions further Montenegrin successful attacks, compelling the Austrians to retire at various points.

WAR LOANS.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SMALL INVESTOR.

January 1, 2.55 p.m.
The Committee on War Loans for the small investor recommends that during the war there be no limit to the yearly or total amount of individual deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank; also the immediate issue of Exchequer Bonds in £100 Bonds. These small Bonds will be sold at the Post Office. The Treasury agrees to the recommendations.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE FORD "ARK."

ARRIVED AT COPENHAGEN.

January 2, 2.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen states that the "Ford" has arrived at that City. There was no official reception.

SIR J. SIMON RESIGNS.

January 1, 3.55 p.m.
The Daily News states that Sir J. Simon, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, has tendered his resignation but up to the present it has not been accepted. The Times states that some of his colleagues hope he will reconsider it.

LOYAL CANADA.

TO RAISE HALF A MILLION MEN.

January 1, 3.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says that Sir F. Borden, in a statement, announced that the total of the Canadians recruited to the 15th of December was 212,690, which will be increased to half a million.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

SALONICA BOMBED.

January 1, 3.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Salonica reports that it was after four Tsubes had flown over Salonica, dropping bombs without damage, that General Sarrail ordered the arrest of the Consuls. The Anglo-French troops surrounded the consulates, arrested everybody and seized the archives.

VISCOUNT FRENCH OF YPRES.

January 1, 3.55 p.m.
The Times states that General French will assume the title of Viscount French of Ypres.

KING OF GREECE.

SUFFERS FROM LAST OPERATION.

January 2, 12.30 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that King Constantine's wound from the last operation is giving trouble. Specialists are again attending the King, whose general condition is described as good.

THE FIGHTING IN EGYPT.

ENEMY ABANDONS SUPPLIES.

January 2, 12.35 a.m.
An official message from Cairo says that our force, which advanced from Matruh to round up Haron's camp found that he had retreated hastily leaving a month's supplies, 490 sheep, 90 camels, 290 tents. The booty captured after the action at Majid includes 12,000 rounds of small arm ammunition, 300 sheep, 84 camels, five tons of barley. Over 80 camels were destroyed by artillery fire.

KING OF SERBIA.

GOOD RECEPTION IN SALONICA.

January 2, 1.00 p.m.
A report from Athens states that the King of Serbia has arrived in Salonica, accompanied by some of his Ministers, on board a French warship. The public was stirred by the unexpected arrival of the exiled monarch, Greek troops forming a guard of honour for the Allied Sovereign.

WAR HONOURS.

GALLANT SOLDIERS REMEMBERED.

December 31, 2.55 p.m.
The Gazette contains seventy-seven pages of the names of officers and men recommended for gallant and distinguished service on the field by Field Marshal French.

The list includes Sir Douglas Haig, General Monro, Sir W. Robertson, Brigadier Seely and Prince Alexander of Teck.
Also included are the following:—Lieut. General Elliot, Major Generals R. G. Egerton, Hudson, Keary and Piry; Colonels C. M. Cartwright, A. S. Cobbe, F. J. Edwards, W. H. Eason, C. W. Jacob, F. C. Muspratt, O. E. Norie (2nd Gurkhas), G. F. Tidy and W. G. Walker; Lieut. Colonel Basil (91st Punjabis), Rounthorpe (Indian Volunteer), H. C. Holman (16th Cavalry Cavalry), J. A. Longbridge (43rd Bikanpore regiment), A. G. Stuart (40th Pathans), and O. E. Leveson-Gower; Major G. D. Bruce (61st Pioneers), E. C. Conway Gordon (3rd Skinner's Horse), J. J. Freeland (31st Sikhs), W. A. Ketherstonhaugh (8th Cavalry), J. Hay (Guides), K. Henderson (39th Gurkhas), W. S. Leslie (31st Punjabis), C. C. Newnham (8th Cavalry), L. B. Naughton (7th Gurkhas), B. C. Waterfield, K. Wigram (2nd Gurkhas) and G. J. Davis; Captains H. L. Dyer (9th Hodson's Horse), C. S. Gray (34th Poona Horse), H. W. Hewett (1st Dogras), H. R. Hunt (21st Punjabis), D. K. McLeod (Guides), S. F. Muspratt (12th Cavalry), H. R. Reed (39th Gurkhas), L. W. Reynolds, D. G. Reynolds, D. G. Ridgway (3rd Gurkhas), D. G. Robinson (46th Punjabis), H. I. Scott (1st Gurkhas), S. B. Shirley (54th Sikhs), W. L. Tania (9th Gurkhas), A. C. Tyrrell (25th Cavalry), E. S. Viceray (18th Cavalry), J. Whitehead (1st Brahmins), A. H. Wilson (12th Cavalry), D. D. Wilson (16th Cavalry), C. E. Bridgley (14th Cavalry), A. Marshall (28th Cavalry) and H. M. Hande (Reserve); Lieut. A. H. Parker (Punjab Volunteer Rifles).

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TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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The survivors of the Peria include ten officers and eight foreigners.

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Crowded Intercession services were held by all denominations throughout England yesterday.

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Greece has protested to Germany against a Tsube dropping a bomb on Greek territory, killing a shepherd.

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The Bishop of London, at St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday, offered for the speedy recovery of Armenia and the torpedoing of the Peria.

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The Austro-German aim was to capture Tarnopol and Novo Alexinets, but when they failed they pretended that the offensive came from the Russians.

A Paris communique states that heavy artillery on the front effectively bombarded the German "Barrage" which was an attack at Tarnopol.

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TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

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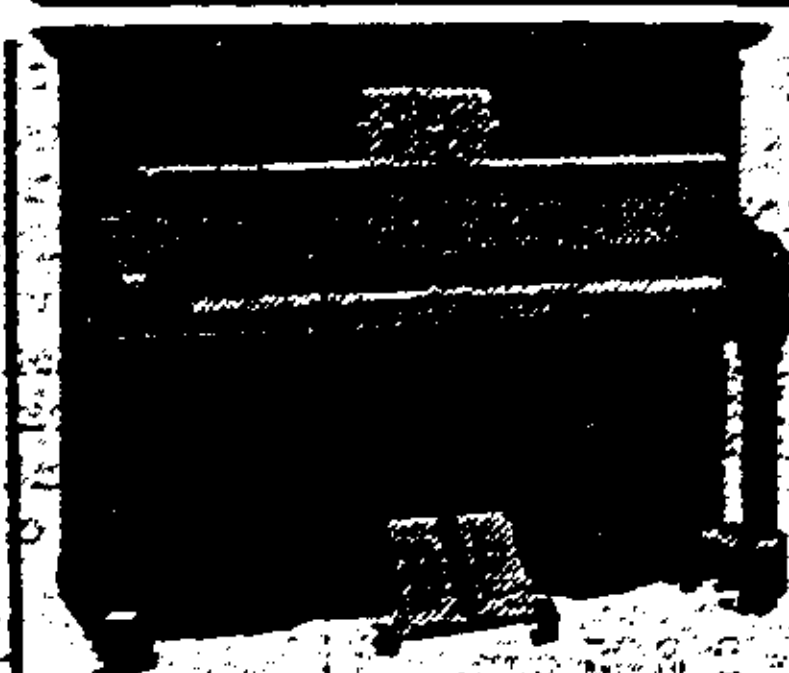
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South China Morning Post.

National Danger and National
Service.

Another "outstanding" event in
the Great War and an epoch making
feature in Britain's history is
the decision of the Imperial Gov-
ernment to compel the single,
physically fit young men of the
British Isles to take up arms in
the defence of the Empire and in
furthering the cause of humanity.
Will it be "like mother, like
daughter," because we have
Australia of the opinion that
surely the dominions will follow
Motherland's lead? Compulsion
to military service has ever been
a thorn in the side of some sec-
tions of the people. Generally
speaking, British people, upper
and lower, has always disliked
the idea of compulsory military
service. The late Lord Roberts,
who will always be remembered
as the advocate of the National
Service League, had to face quite
a storm of criticism and ridicule.

Daily Press.

Prisoners of War Camp.

Very general satisfaction, we
are sure, will have been felt in
Hongkong at the announcement,
which we were able to make in a
special edition last evening, that
the Imperial Authorities have
decided to transfer to Australia the
alien enemy subjects now interned
in this Colony. The references to
this subject which have been made
recently in the House of Com-
mons have been followed with
eager interest locally, and that
interest was reflected in the
motion of which the Hon. Mr.
Hollis gave notice at the last
meeting of the Legislative
Council: "That in the opinion
of this Council it is most desirable
that the interned alien enemies
should be removed from this
Colony at the earliest date pos-
sible." Mr. Hollis's motion will
now, of course, be unnecessary,
but he has the satisfaction of
knowing that the view which he
sought to advance has been com-
mended itself to the Government. It
is, indeed, a matter for some
surprise that the step which is
now about to be taken has been
so long delayed. The incident
that occurred at Singapore last
May was surely sufficient to
suggest the desirability of
avoiding any possibility of similar
trouble here, where the risks
were even greater.

China Mail.

The Dying Year.

Future generations will find
abundant cause to regard the
year just closing as having writ-
ten one of the blackest pages in
the history of the world. We
could devoutly wish that the
chapter were ended, but we
know that in the coming year
these grim and dolorous records
will be continued and that an
even darker page has probably yet
to be written. It will be an im-
perishable chapter of history in
which will be recorded the sacrifice
of millions—the flower of Europe's
manhood; of other millions op-
pressed and ruined by the devas-
tation of their homes and the
sources of their happiness and
wealth. Hence we eagerly had be-
come to the old year, and ring in
the new with a fervent wish that
it may see the end of this ghastly
war and mark the beginning of
an epoch of enduring peace. That
all events, will be the dominant
wish to-night throughout the civ-
ilised world, though, unfor-
tunately, it cannot be said that
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GENERAL NEWS.

Tenemies in Turkey.
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Illness of Huang Hsin.
According to a telegram received by the Asahi from San Francisco, General Huang Hsin, the notorious revolutionist, is seriously indisposed at Philadelphia and there is said to be little or no hope of his recovery.

Manchurian Railway Shares.
Just at present there is a great deal of speculation in the shares of the South Manchurian Railway, at Dairen, the 200 yen share rising to 241, and the new shares, yen 20 paid up to yen 43.45. It is said this rise has occurred through the S.M.R. having obtained the right of working the Anshan-iron mine.

Author of Remarkable Book Discovered.
It has now come to light that the author of "Jaccuse," the remarkable book which created such a sensation in Germany and throughout the world, is Dr. Robert Michels, Professor of Political Economy at Basle University.

Suppression of Brigandage in Szechwan.
Chongchun, 17th December.—A proclamation issued last night announced President Yuan Shih-kai's acceptance of the Throne. To-day the city cries best their gongs and announced the news. They asked the citizens to hoist their flags for three days. Reports show that the energetic efforts of the Ching-shun to suppress brigandage in Eastern and Southern Szechwan are having good results. This in addition to his removal of the abuses of the Finance Department is commendable. His administration is restoring confidence.

New Nickel Coinage in Japan.
There have been so many complaints owing to the close resemblance between the 20-sen nickel coin in size and thickness and the consequent confusion and mistakes, that the authorities have decided to alter the shape of nickels so that they may be distinguished from 20-sen pieces at a glance. The Osaka mint has devised three different designs for the new nickel coin, but all agree in making a hole in the centre the principal distinguishing feature. The proposed alteration will be submitted for the approval of the Diet, and as soon as the Diet's sanction is given new nickels will be struck by the Osaka mint. — *Japan Chronicle.*

Optimism at Foochow.
Two members of the British Consular Service—Messrs. Blackburn (Foochow) and Turner (Amoy), — accompanied by Chinese officials, toured the province during the early part of the year in order to report on the existence or otherwise of opium poppy cultivation. The result of their investigation was favourable to the view that such cultivation had ceased in this part of China; and, in this connection, the Civil Governor issued a proclamation notifying that trade in all opium by foreign or Chinese merchants was entirely forbidden after the 1st May, and that any of the drug seized thereafter would be burned, and the offenders severely punished.

A Wise Step.
The Chinese Government has wisely taken the step of increasing the foreign out-door staff of the Chinese Customs in Shanghai so that they may be better prevented the smuggling of firearms into this port and vicinity says the Shanghai National Review. If the further co-operation of the police of the International Settlements and French Concession can be secured, the danger of political plotting and of assassination and rebellion may at last be satisfactorily circumvented. It is to be hoped that all foreign authorities, whether in the Chinese service or not, will heartily co-operate with the Imperial Chinese Government to root out the hot-bed of rebellion from the jurisdiction of foreign nations.

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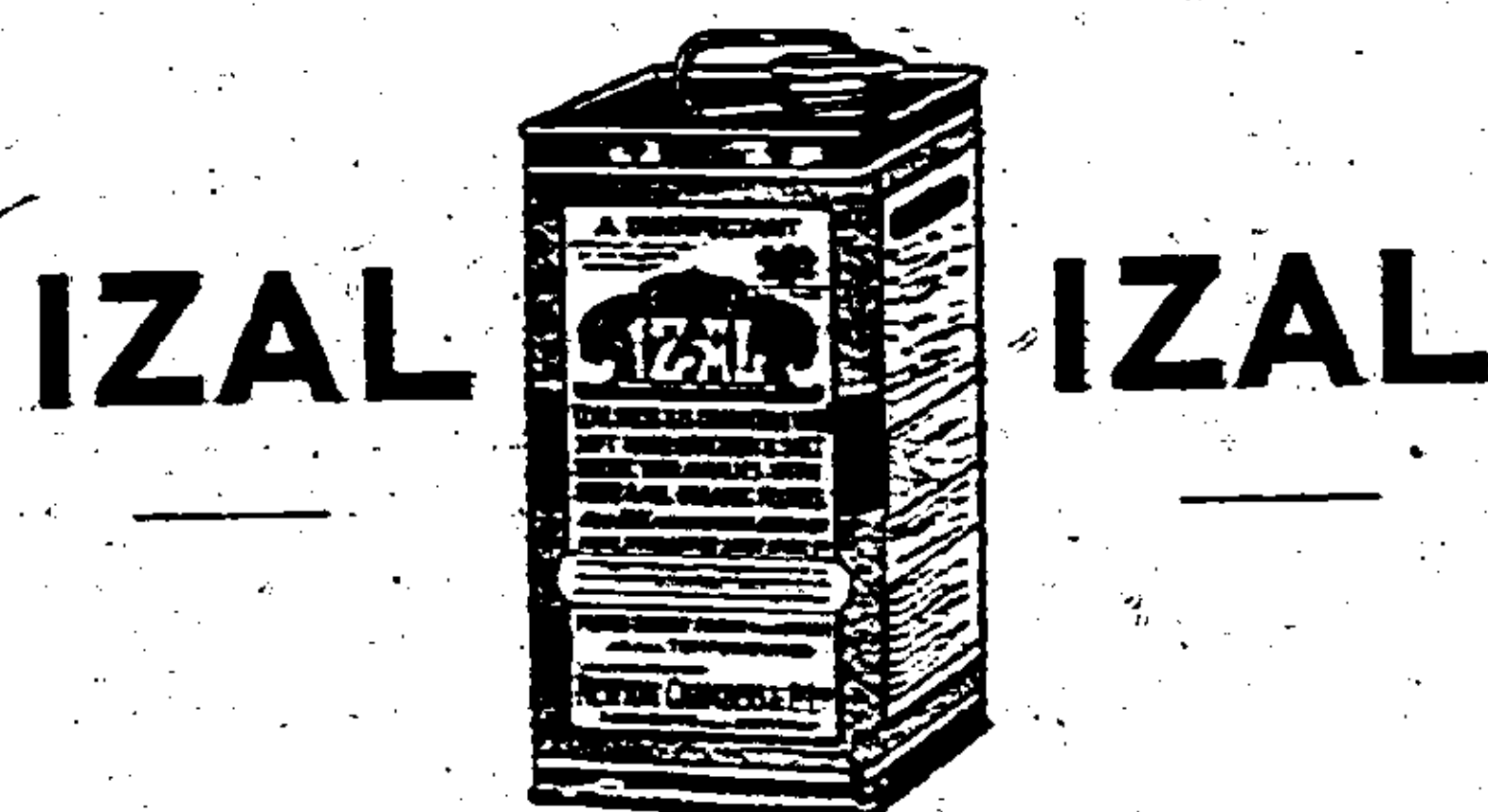
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1916.

THE CHURCHES AND THE WAR.

Throughout the whole of the Empire, we believe, yesterday was observed by the Christian Churches as a special Day of Intercession in connection with the war. The idea of our leaders of religion to mark the beginning of another year in this way found a ready and widespread response, a circumstance which revealed the comforting assurance that in this time of stress and turmoil the spiritual forces of our Empire are firmly fixed in their belief in the justice and righteousness of our cause, and, therefore, while deploring the lack of brotherhood among the nations of the world, can, without stultifying themselves in the eyes of non-Christians, invoke Divine aid on the side of those who are waging a war for the vindication of honour, liberty and truth. This is an attitude upon which all branches of the Christian Church find themselves on common ground. The unity of the spiritual forces in this regard is comparable in every respect to the spirit of absolute union of purpose which animates the military and naval forces of the Allied nations at this vital moment in their history.

Differences of doctrine, it is true, keep the Churches apart, and the day of final reconciliation between the estranged elements of Christendom is still afar off. But that, happily, does not affect the convergence of view-point on the great issues which are now being decided: There are cranks, of course, who are seizing on present circumstances to push their views concerning the union of Christendom, thinking that because there is common agreement on one point there can be unity of belief on all. For example, the suggestion was made in one of the Home papers recently that, inasmuch as "Church" and "Chapel" soldiers were fighting together in the trenches, "all devout persons, of whatever denomination, should meet together for common prayer" on the Day of Intercession. It was for the establishment of a "Coalition Church" that the author of this proposal was pleading, and he asked why, if politicians could coalesce, ecclesiastics could not do likewise. Well-meant as ideas of this order no doubt are, they betray a deal of inverted and distorted thought. The point which is overlooked by people who indulge in these pious hopes is that, in concentrating their energies solely on a war of which they all approve, our political leaders meet on ground where their party views do not come into conflict. That is why there can be a very real union so far as the issue of the day is concerned and yet, coincident with it, adherence to differing political opinions on other and less pressing questions. Similarly, the religious beliefs of our soldiers are unaffected by the fact that a common cause, altogether above and beyond mere doctrinal differences, finds them fighting side by side on the world's battlefield. On the other hand, a temporary union of the Churches of Christendom during the war, were it for one moment possible, would be a hollow sham and the very hypocricy, for, inasmuch as the members would be brought together as religiousists and, as such, would hold totally divergent views, there could be no question of sincere cohesion. The whole point which arises out of these considerations is that, if the Churches believe in the efficacy of prayer, it matters nothing whether those prayers are said by one united Church or by a dozen branches of that Church divided on matters of doctrine. The obstacles which keep the Churches apart have their bases in clear-cut and vital differences, and though no-one will regret the dawn of the day when other conditions will prevail, there is nothing to be gained by permitting sentiment to belie the facts as they are.

Tree-stripping.

It is a well-established fact that China suffers untold economic injury because of the prevalence of deforestation throughout the country. The land might be one of the richest in the world so far as timber is concerned, but, in point of fact, by reason of the evil mentioned, it is one of the poorest. As we have had occasion to point out before, if the Chinese had their way, no doubt Hongkong island and the New Territories would present a far more bare and disfigured appearance than they do. As it is, it takes the authorities all their time to keep an eye on the tree-strippers. We are glad to see, however, that quite a batch of these individuals was brought before the Magistrate to-day. The excuse of these people almost invariably is that they have just "come from the country" and do not know that the laws of the Colony prohibit a habit which they so frequently indulge in elsewhere. That is a very convenient excuse, to be sure, but it rarely goes down with our magistrates.

The New Year Honours.

The New Year Honours for this year contain very few surprises, and, as was to be expected, services in connection with the war come in for greatest recognition. Aside from the war, in fact, there are very few names remaining in the List. Hongkong's only connection with the Honours is the granting of a Knighthood to our late Attorney General, an honour which automatically falls on Chief Justice of our Crown Colonies. The most noteworthy feature of the Honours is that Literature is again so largely overlooked, the only writer whose name appears being Henry James, the author. He, of course, thoroughly deserves the distinction conferred upon him, and it is a happy sign of the freemasonry of Literature, which takes no count of nationality, that he has been singled out. Though an American, all his sympathies are British, and, of course, he comes of British stock. It is passing strange that Kipling, who has done so much for the war, does not appear among the honoured ones, though it may just be said that he was offered something and refused it. And what are we to say concerning Arnold Bennett, Hilaire Belloc, H. G. Wells, Conrad and Garvin? Surely they merited some notice.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS.

The following table shows the standard time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of January, 1916:—

Date.	Ends.	Begins.
Jan. 1st.	6.52 a.m.	6.02 p.m.
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" 29th.	6.51 "	6.21 "
" 30th.	6.51 "	6.22 "
" 31st.	6.51 "	6.23 "

The Opera Window.

Mr. P. Spiers, of 185, Wan Chai Road, has reported to the Police that some person entered his house through a window which had been left open at the back and stole several articles of value from a table in the room, belonging to a Mr. Douglas who was living at the same residence. The articles stolen include a cigar case. The total value of the articles taken was \$42.

DAY BY DAY

TRUST NO FUTURE, HOWEVER PLEASANT, FOR THE DEAD PAST BURY ITS DEAD.—Longfellow.

The Weather.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 56; fine.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 66; fine.

The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Closes to-morrow per s.s. Yungchow 3 p.m.
Canadian Mail.—Closes to-morrow per s.s. Manila Maru.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/11 1/8.

To-morrow's Anniversary.—To-morrow is the 274th anniversary of the arrest of the "five members" by King Charles I.

Up to the Minute.—No change.

Arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Finlay Smith arrived by the Atsuta Maru.
On a Visit.—Mr. Sainer, headmaster of King Edward VII School, Parak, is on a brief visit to the Colony, having arrived by the Portbos.

An Ascending Foli.

A Chinese has reported to the Police that his servant, whom he entrusted with \$1,835.38, has absconded with the same.

Weather Report.

The s.s. Shangtung which arrived in Port yesterday from Shanghai reports that she encountered foggy weather as far as Sheep Island, and from thence light and varying winds with fine and clear weather till her arrival at Hongkong.

The Yatsuka Maru Passengers.—The Head Office of the N.Y.K. in Tokyo has wired the local office to the effect that all the passengers of the sunken Yatsuka Maru have been transferred to the s.s. Andra Lebon, also that the Katori Maru, Toyohashi Maru and Miyazaki Maru are being ordered to proceed via the Cape.

The s.s. Persia.

On enquiry at the Offices of the P. & O. S. N. Co. at Hongkong this morning we are informed that they have, as yet, received no list of the passengers who left London on the ill-fated s.s. Persia, but as the boat was one of the India mail line it is believed that there were no passengers on board for the Far East.

Ordinances Approved.—His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—Ordinance No. 23 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Evidence Ordinance, 1889. Ordinance No. 24 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Land Registration Ordinance, 1844.

Registrar of Supreme Court.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Charles Alexander Dick Melbourne to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court, Registrar of Companies, Official Administrator and Official Trustee, and Registrar of the Supreme Court (In Prize), during the absence of Mr. Hugh Adair Nisbet, with effect from the 29th December, 1915.

Tree-Cutting.

In Mr. Hazeland's Court at the Magistracy this morning, several Chinese, mostly women and young children, were charged with cutting and stealing trees and shrubs from various parts of the Colony. The delinquents' plea in these cases is more often than not that they come from the country and they do not know the laws relating to the subject. Fines of \$3 each were imposed.

The Portbos.

The new French mail steamer Portbos arrived in port on her maiden trip from Marseilles yesterday, having called at Saigon and Haiphong en route. As she steamed into harbour the magnificent vessel was greatly admired for her fine appearance, and those who had occasion to go on board found her to be a palatial ship in every sense of the term. She is, like the Athos, most beautifully fitted out, and, possessing all the conveniences of a modern ship of her size, she should become extremely popular with the travelling public.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE NATAL

And the Persia.

The year-end batch of wires is so voluminous—and, for once in a way, so full of important detail—that it would be easier to write a pamphlet on the subject than a column. Disregarding minor messages, we are faced with certain outstanding and definite facts, first among which is the failure of the German offensive in the West and the growing success of the Russian offensive in the East. Montenegro, too, has surprised everyone—and most of all the enemy—by some very heavy blows against the Austrians; and America, in the very moment of success as regards the Anconia Note, has to learn that another liner, containing three of her subjects, has been torpedoed. The story of the Serbia Bay evacuation is of value, for it takes away the nasty taste left by the original bare statement that British troops had been withdrawn from that point. A retreat conducted under such circumstances as Reuter describes is as big a testimony to British coolness and cleverness as one could wish to read. There is a serious, as well as a ludicrous, side to the wires referring to the Emperor of Germany's health. Even the strongest man cannot set himself diligently to break all the ordinances of God and of civilization without having to pay physically as well as mentally; and, when the law-breaker happens to be a physical weakling of impaired intellect, the wonder is that he is alive at all.

The Natal.—With such an abundance of cables that deal with actual fighting, there seems but little time or space to spare for inquiries into the many meetings of the Cabinet at Home and the reported resignation of Sir John Simon. Incidentally, however, one cannot refrain from contrasting the firm attitude of General Sarrai, in laying by the heels all the enemy consuls at Salonica, with the feeble and flabby "policy" followed at Home by certain members of the Government. A thirteen-thousand-ton cruiser has been "sunk in harbour," as the result of an internal explosion; in other words, the fate which befell the Bulwark and the Princess Irene has also undertaken the Natal. Could this have happened if the Home Government had, from the beginning, struck out a definite line in regard to the internment of all alien (and pseudo-neutral) people in the British Isles? The British navy's record is too firmly established for any of us to be able to believe in "accidents" where its officers and men are concerned. Surely, when the war is over, British electors will have a care how they allow any man who opposed the wholesale internment of aliens to be returned to Parliament. No one in his right senses will ever believe that the blowing up of the ships we have named, or the wrecking of a troop train last year, was "an accident." Do we not receive, at least once a week, tidings of explosions and fires in the United States, traceable to German influence? And if the gentle German acts in that fashion in a neutral country, will he be less considerate when he is allowed to remain free in England itself?

The Persia.—The enemy's latest submarine triumph concerns the s.s. Persia, which has gone down with three hundred and ninety souls. What will the neutral nations have to say to this? Is there any defence that would be listened to for a moment, even in Bedlam itself? The ship was a peaceful passenger liner; yet the number of deaths are a sufficient proof that no time, or insufficient time, was allowed for those on board to escape. And, by the way, a number of Lancastrians went down, also. What will the Mohammedan races have to say to this cold-blooded slaughter of their "co-religionists"? And what about the effect at Home? Will this terrible reminder have no influence either on a Government that fears to act Germanically towards Germans or on the hundreds of thousands of young men who fear to enlist?

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of January 3, 1915.

Austrian Monitors Active.—Reuter's correspondent at Belgrade reports that four Austrian Monitors, on Thursday evening, bombarded the fortress of Belgrade and the banks of the rivers Sava and Danube.

Flight-Commander Hewlett Congratulated.—The King has telegraphed to Flight-Commander Hewlett—I am delighted to hear you are safe and heartily congratulate you.

Klag's Greetings to United States.—Reuter's correspondent at Washington reports that President Wilson's New Year greetings, from the heads of various states included the following from King George—Heartly good wishes for your personal happiness and the prosperity of the United States to which we are united by such close ties of friendship and intimacy.

A Three Days' Report.—On the 28th the hurricane was followed by a violent thunderstorm. Nothing notable has taken place; the weather and waterlogged ground not favouring operations. The French progressed elsewhere, capturing St. George's and inflicting heavy losses. On December 29, our right gradually advanced and recovered much ground occupied by the enemy during the previous week. Our progress on the right was maintained on December 30, while the 31st was equally uneventful. Fighting is taking place over a perfect labyrinth of excavations when slackness of troops made it hard work strengthening and constructing fresh defences.

Russian Success in Bukovina.—Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd reports that, despite stubborn resistance, we have taken the enemy's earthworks at the village of Mshanka in the region of Gorlice, taking three thousand prisoners, sixty-eight officers; four guns and six quick-firers. The engagement continues with furious counter attacks, which we have repulsed. We have occupied Stremetz and Radatz in Bukovina.

The French of Stroud attle Hongkong:—

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NOTINGS BY THE WAY.

"Sick leave for worthy Chinese," says the Shanghai National Review. We do not feel disposed to allow the educated comp. to include himself under that heading; but the next time his flights of fancy betray him into eating up "past masters" as "past wasters" it is highly probable that he may receive leave of a far more permanent nature.

"Men will not be bowed by Wilson," says a Philadelphia paper's headline. Neither will woman, it seems, if we are to judge by some of the utterances that have arisen out of the recent suffrage failure in U.S.

Now that the Government in its godly wisdom has withdrawn the muzzling order, we would suggest that discarded muzzles would be put to a right and beneficial use if they were clapped on some of our local war-grumblers, pessimists and bar-room strategists.

Says Little Willie: "The madly impotent enemy tries to deprive us of all that makes life worth living." The Kaiser's "all" we take it, would include general terrorism, plots by land and by sea, rape, wholesale murder, the slaughter of babies, the poisoning of wells, the regarding of solemn treaties as scraps of paper, the destruction of priceless works of art, the butchering of priests, doctors, nuns and nurses, the second-hand massacre of some where abouts a million Armenians, and the spreading of discord and conspiracy in neutral countries. Poor Willie! It really is too bad that he and his noble army of hair-dressers and trencher-scrappers shouldn't be allowed a little fun occasionally.

Approps of the Kaiser, his new claim is "we enter the New Year with God." But later and more reliable information is to the effect that he enters it with carbuncles.

Reuter in one of his really inspired moments—"The torpedoing of the Persia has created a most unpleasant impression in America."

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WAR TELEGRAMS.

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SINKING OF S.S. PERSIA.

AMERICA'S ATTITUDE.

January 2, 12.5 a.m.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the torpedoing of the s.s. Persia has created a most unpleasant impression in the State Department, which was inclined to take a rosy view as a result of the Ancona negotiations. It believed sufficient time had elapsed to enable Austria to forbid submarines torpedoing ships without removing non-combatants. There is little doubt that the sinking of the Persia will mean new diplomatic action and the American Consul at Alexandria has been instructed to send immediate information.

NAMES OF PASSENGERS.

The passengers booked by the Persia were:—Sisters Adams, Molout, Baulin, Scholer; Rev. A. Terant, Messrs. Bachmann, M. N. Banaji, Beer, Beharal, Behran, L. J. Brown, Burgess, Burns, Carlaw, Carran, Clark, A. M. Coleman, F. M. Coleman, G. M. Cooper, Derensy, Dickie, Dikahit, Dyke, Edgecombe, Gascogne, Gokharia, O. H. Grant, Graves, Gribble, Harkness, Haslock, Hana, Hilmy, Hoggan, Hopkins, A. H. Johnson, Jonaja, E. King, E. Knight, C. Lal, Maffessanti, McHardy Meleod, Monceley, Orr, Papasian, Peterson, Richard, Pudumjee, Purchase, Quinnell, Ram, Rigg, Rose, Roxburgh, Ross, Russell, Buss, Sahai, Salisbury, Scrim, Shilston, B. M. Singh, R.D. Singh, M. Smith, William Smith, W.E. Smith, Thornton, Turner, Waller, Warner, P. Williams, Woodward, Zemanit, Messames Benson and her two daughters, Boileau, Brierley child and infant, Browne, Burgess, Burns, Castellan, Codrington, Deacon, Duncan, Edgecombe, Fletcher, Gaskell, Gaudillon, Gilbert, Graham, Grant, Gribble, Hoyle and infants, Hutchison and child, infant and nurse, Innes and two infants, Jarvis, Keady and two children, Negus and four children, O'Reilly, Page, Paul, Quinnell and infant, D. M. Robinson, Ross and infant, Russ, Scrim, Skanks, Shilston, Smith, M. E. Smith, Smyth, Spreckley and infant, Stoeher, Thomas and child, Tigett and child, Treaham and infant, Walland, and Woodward and two infants.

Doctors: Misses Cook, Impey, Misses B. Smith, Billy, Birch, Bowden Smith, Ball, Busk, Davidson, Derogot, Devoushire, Eladgate, Gibson, Hall, Halloran, Halpin, Lees, Macdonald, Maclean, Markwick, Mason, Mitchell, Nicholls, Ormrod, Quinnell, E. Smith, Wesley, White, Messrs. Benna, Cooper, Creswell, Elliott, C. and J. Lyons, Montgomery, Quinnell, Settle, and Worboys.

Colonels Lord Montague de Baulieu, Netherlands and E. B. S. Sney.

Lieut. Colonel E. A. Howell.

Majors W. O. Dawson, W. Hasketh, G. Hasketh and C. M. O'Reilly.

Captains H. L. Ainsworth, M. G. Bean, E. A. Berryman, E. A. Fell, J. P. Gilbert, J. T. Lodwick, A. C. Lyell, E. W. Marsh, J. J. Nelson, J. E. Torkington and A. H. Wilson.

Lieutenants W. C. Cooper, G. T. Fisher, O. Gough, H. R. Lawrence, A. F. Pegg, J. A. Robertson, A. T. Roch and H. Smith.

Second Lieutenants J. M. Gardner, J. M. Hallett, W. A. Robertson, C. W. Scott and N. A. Tibba.

Commander W. H. Dickson.

Sub-Lieutenant Marton.

Staff Sergeant Keady.

Sergeant Hancock.

THE AMERICANS.

The Americans on board the Persia were Mr. McNeely, American Consul at Aden, the financier Mr. Grant, bound for Bombay, and a schoolboy named Rose who expected to land at Gibraltar.

The vessel was heavily laden with the parcel post but had no war materials.

LORD MONTAGU'S MISSION.

Lord Montagu was going to Bombay as inspector of mechanical transport vehicles in India.

THE RESCUED.

January 2, 12.20 p.m.

It is officially stated that 158 of the Persia survivors have arrived at Alexandria. They include passengers and crew, the former believed to be about 60.

January 2, 12.50 p.m.

Unless more survivors are picked up the death toll of the Persia will appear to be between 250 and 300. It is understood Colonel the Honourable Charles Clive Bigham, C.M.G., is among the saved.

Lloyd's gives the following as the Persia survivors: 59 passengers, of whom 17 are women, 35 of the white crew, and 59 lascars.

TSAR APPOINTED BRITISH FIELD MARSHAL.

December 31, 2.55 p.m.

H. M. the King has appointed the Tsar of Russia's British Field-Marshal.

V.C. FOR AVIATOR.

January 1, 7.10 p.m.

The Victoria Cross has been conferred upon Squadron Commander R. B. Davies for rescuing a fellow Airman named Ferejik, a feat which was mentioned on November 22.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday:—]

THE SERBIAN TREASURY.

December 31, 2.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Toulon states that a cruiser has arrived bearing the contents of the Serbian treasury (which is being taken to Paris) together with members of the Russian Legation lately in Serbia.

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HAWKER'S LICENCE.

The conditions of a Hawker's Licence made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 3 of the Licensing Ordinance, 1887, are now amended by the addition to Condition No. 4 after the words "Hill District" of the following words:—"and within the area bounded on the North by Wanchai Road from Barrows Street to the junction with Morrison Hill Road, down Morrison Hill Road to the junction with Leighton Hill Road, up Leighton Hill Road to No. 1 Police Station, and on the South by Morrison Hill Road from the junction with Wood Road to the junction with Morrison Hill Road and the Recreation Ground, and on the East by Wong-neh-chung Road from the junction with Leighton Hill Road to the junction with Wong-neh-chung Gap Road, and on the West by Wood Road and the Gas Works."

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there are two vacancies in the Canton Pilotage Service, which will be filled by competitive Examination in accordance with the General Regulations of the Chinese Pilotage Service.

The examination will be held at the Harbour Master's Office, Chinese Maritime Customs, on or about the 15th January 1916.

Apprentices who have duly served an apprenticeship of three months, and who are desirous of sitting for examination, should forward their names and addresses to the Harbour Master's Office not later than January 10th 1916. A definite date on which they may sit for examination will then be given them.

ARNOLD HOTSON Acting Harbour Master.

Harbour Master's Office, Chinese Maritime Customs, Canton, 30th December 1915.

H. F. MERRILL Commissioner of Customs.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"ATSUTA MARU" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 7th January, 1916, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1915.

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PRESSED BEEF,

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A1307	TOO MUCH MUSTARD ON THE MISSISSIPPI
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A5531	PUPPCHEN Y COMO LE VA	(ONE OR TWO STEPS) TANGO	...
A1458	HE'D HAVE TO GET OUT, TRES CHIC	(ONE OR TWO STEPS)	...
A5541	HUNGARIAN RAG, HEART O' MINE	(HESITATION WALTZ)	...
A5525	DREAMING, ISLE D'AMOUR
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1 " Whisky King George IV.	—	—	quart
1 " Port Superior Tawny	—	—	quart
1 " Claret St. Julien	—	—	quart
1 " Sherry Old Brown	—	—	quart
1 " Gin Old Tom or Dry	—	—	quart
1 " Bitters Pomeraz (Phial)	—	—	quart

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1 " Martell XXX	—	—	quart
1 " Whisky Perfection	—	—	quart
1 " Port Wine Rich Old	—	—	quart
1 " Claret St. Julien	—	—	quart
1 " Sherry Vio de Pasto	—	—	quart
1 " Benedictine D. O. M.	—	—	quart
1 " Gin Old Tom or Dry	—	—	quart
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

EXTRA

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1916

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph"]

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

GERMAN BARRACKS BOMBARDED.

January 2, 6.45 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, a communiqué states that heavy artillery in Champagne effectively bombarded the German barracks, while a grenade attack at Tahure was repulsed.

ENEMY SUFFERS HEAVY DAMAGE.

January 3, 1.55 a.m.
According to Reuter's Paris correspondent, a communiqué states that a violent bombardment of the enemy's trenches in the region of the Belgian dunes resulted in heavy damage, causing two conflagrations and exploding two ammunition depots.

The French artillery pounded the German trenches in Argonne and Chevaliers wood, resulting in the collapse of several blockhouses. A violent German artillery bombardment at Hartmannswillerkopf resulted in a slight withdrawal on the part of the French, but the enemy refrained from an infantry attack.

THE ILL-FATED PERSIA.

THE SAVED.

January 2, 9.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that the Chief Officer, the Second Officer, seven engineers, twenty-seven seamen, sixty-three lascars and fifty-nine passengers were saved.

A GREEK PROTEST.

GERMAN BOMB KILLS A SHEPHERD.

January 2, 9.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that Greece has protested to Germany against a Taube dropping a bomb on Greek territory, killing a shepherd.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY.

NEW FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.

January 2, 10.20 p.m.
The Foreign Trade Department of the Foreign Office, which has been established as a new Department in order to carry out the Government's policy against trading with the enemy, requests the active co-operation of business men. Mr. Worthington Evans, M.P., has been appointed controller.

INTERCESSION SERVICE.

BISHOP OF LONDON'S SERMON.

January 2, 8.30 p.m.
Crowded intercession services were held by all denominations throughout the country to-day. Muffled bells emphasized the sense of loss felt regarding the gallant Earl.
The Bishop of London preached at St. Paul's Cathedral, where the service was most impressive. He referred to the ghastly crimes in Armenia and to the torpeding of the Persia. He urged the need for British preparedness and efficiency, recalling the warnings uttered by the late Lord Roberts, who was buried in St. Paul's. His Lordship concluded by saying that after the day of victory Britain must be worthy of a great place in the world.

WORKERS AND THE WAR.

A SETTLEMENT REACHED.

January 2, 9.20 p.m.
The Press Bureau announces that Mr. Asquith has addressed a deputation of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. He asserted the absolute necessity for a dilution of skilled labour by semi-skilled and unskilled workers, and said it was most imperative that they should have the utmost possible output of Home munitions so as to assist the financial problem ahead, which was most serious.
He agreed to an amendment in the Munitions Bill protecting skilled workers, providing the labour troubles ceased. Thereupon the deputation consented actively to co-operate in the scheme for dilution.

TELEGRAMS

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

A Comprehensive List.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph")
London, Received, January 1.
The New Year Honours List includes the following:—
Knights of the Garter.
Lord Curzon.
The Duke of Devonshire.
Viscount Mersey.
Privy Counsellors.
Sir F. G. Bantary, Unionist M.P. for the City of London.
Sir D. F. Goddard, Liberal M.P. for Ipswich.
Mr. G. N. Barnes, Labour, M.P. for Blackfriars.
Mr. W. Crooks, Labour M.P. for Woolwich.
Mr. Leverton Harris, M.P.
Mr. D. Maclean, Liberal M.P. for Peebles.

Barons.

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford.
Sir T. G. Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
Mr. William Waldorf Astor.
Mr. D. A. Thomas, Munitions Commissioner.

Sir A. Henderson, Unionist M.P. for St. George's, Hanover Square.
Capt. W. L. Norrie, Liberal M.P. for Newington.

Baronets.

Rt. Hon. Charles Booth, P.C., Chairman of the Cunard Co.
Sir G. Bullough, for services in connection with the war.
Mr. W. Burbridge, Director of Harrods Stores, for services in connection with the war.
Sir William Goschen, late Ambassador to Berlin.

Sir Charles Johnstone, the Lord Mayor of London.
Rt. Hon. I. J. O'Brien, Lord Chancellor of Ireland.
Mr. S. Palmer, Director of Huntley and Palmer's, for services to music.

Hon. Charles Russell, solicitor.
Vice-Admiral Surtees.
Mr. A. Yarrow, ship-builder.
Sir J. Jardine, K.C.E., M.P. for Roxburg.

Col. J. Rutherford, T.D., M.P. for Darwen.
Mr. H. Webb, M.P. for the Forest of Dean.

Knighthoods.

Twenty-eight Knighthoods are conferred, among the recipients being:—
Mr. Thomas Beecham, the well-known Opera promoter.
Mr. R. Liches, Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

Rev. Adam Smith, Principal of Aberdeen University.
Dr. T. Parkinson.
Dr. M. Rees, Laryngologist to H.M.'s Household.

Dr. G. Barry, Oculist to H.M. in Scotland.
Mr. A. W. Black, Liberal M.P. for Biggleswade.
Mr. W. Middlebrook, Liberal M.P. for S. Leeds.

Mr. Anton Bertram, Attorney-General of Ceylon.
Mr. J. A. S. Backnill, Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements.
Mr. E. S. A. Bourne, C.M.G., Judge of Weihaiwei, formerly of Shanghai.

C.M.G.

Lieut.-General Sir H. S. Miles, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar.
K.C.M.G.
Edward Marwether, K.C.V.O., Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Sierra Leone.

Hon. Thomas Mackenzie, High Commissioner of New Zealand.
Rt. Hon. Peter White, P.O., Minister of Finance, Canada.
Hon. Lancelot Carnegie, H.B.M. to Portugal.

H. H. the Sultan of Johore (honorary).
Mr. Lyle, Consul-General at Bangkok.
Mr. Lay, Consul-General at Seoul.

Hon. Bernard Senior, I.S.O., Treasurer of Ceylon.

TELEGRAMS

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

Orders of Merit.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph")
London, Received, January 1.
Henry James.

K.C.M.G.
Vice-Admiral Curden, Brook, Pabry, Limpas and Thunby.
C.B.

K.C.V.O.
Sir J. R. Dunlop Smith.
K.C.B.

Lieut. General Sir P. H. N. Lake.
Major General F. J. Aylmer.
G.C.B.

Sir M. D. Chalmers.
C.B.
Vice-Admiral Robeck.
Rev. Henry Montague Butler.
Colonel H. W. G. Cole.

INDIAN HONOURS LIST.
Star of India.
General Sir Beauchamp Duff.
G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief in India, receives the Cross of the Star of India.

Knighthoods.
Hon. Mr. Justice Holmwood, of the High Court of Bengal.
Bai Kailash Chandra Basu Bahadur, of Calcutta Municipality.

Mr. Reid, Managing Director of the Bombay Company, Bombay.
Baba Gurbaksh Singh Bedi, extra Assistant Commissioner of the Punjab.

Mr. Hunter, Secretary of the Bank of Madras.
Mr. Justice Chamiar, Chief Justice designate of Bihar-Orissa.
Mr. Fry, ex-Director-General of Stores at the India Office.

Military Honours.
G.C.B.
Major-General Phayra.
C.B.

Brigadier-General F. Fowler.
Brigadier-General Eustice.
K.C.B.

Brigadier-General Petersen.
Brigadier-General C. Handley.
Colonel F. H. S. Thomas.
Colonel Cripps.
Lt.-Colonel W. W. White.

OBITUARY.

A Great Tragedian.
Received January 2.
The death is reported of the tragedian, Commander Tommaso Salvini, of Florence. He was the President of the Actor's Dramatic Society, and had travelled all over the world with repertory of Shakespeare, etc.

DISASTER AT CHICAGO.
Explosion at Oil Works.
Received January 2.
Reuter's Correspondent at Chicago reports that eight were killed and twenty injured in an explosion at a lined oil works caused by fire. The damage is nearly half a million sterling.

THE ADMIRALTY.
New Command.
Received January 2.
The Admiralty has announced that Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Cecil Colville, K. C. B., will succeed the Hon. Sir Hedworth Meux, G. C. B., as Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, and that Vice-Admiral Sir Geo. J. S. Warrender, B. C. C. B., will succeed Admiral Sir George. Le Clerc Egerton, K. C. B., as Commander-in-Chief at Plymouth.

TYPHOON WARNINGS.
The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 10 a.m. yesterday:—
"Typhoon in about 122 degrees Long. E. and 12 degrees Lat. N. moving west."

The following telegram was received 10.45 a.m. to-day:—
"Cyclone or typhoon near of great violence, filling up."

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

Hongkong v. the Rest.

This all-day match on Saturday produced some excellent play, the Rest showing up particularly well. Indeed, the Club were fortunate to escape an innings defeat, a circumstance for which they have to thank Morgan and Reed, who pulled the game out of the fire.

Score:—
Hongkong, First Innings.
T. E. Pearce, b Hamilton ... 14
H. E. Taylor, b Bird ... 2
C. A. Hooper, b Hamilton ... 1
E. J. B. Mitchell, b Bird ... 18
Lt.-Col. Morgan, b Marley ... 20
R. A. Brand, not out ... 46
E. R. Brand, c Bird, b Marley ... 9
Dr. J. Glister, b Brags ... 5
D. E. Donnelly, c Sutton, b Brags ... 10
Extras ... 8
Total ... 131

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Bird ... 10 2 25 2
Hamilton ... 8 0 31 2
Brags ... 7 0 30 4
Marley ... 5 0 37 2

The Rest.
A. A. Claxton, c Hooper, b Reed ... 39
G. E. Marley, b Reed ... 5
L. M. Whyte, b Reed ... 38
R. C. Wittchell, lbw, b Reed ... 8
Major Robertson, c Hooper, b Reed ... 42
J. V. Brags, c Mitchell, b Donnelly ... 4
J. P. Robinson, c Wittchell, b Taylor ... 31
P. T. Lambie, c Pearce, b Taylor ... 2
E. W. Hamilton, by Brand ... 55
F. Sutton, not out ... 14
R. E. O. Bird, b Brand ... 0
Extras ... 6

Total ... 273
BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Brand ... 13.3 1 69 2
Reed ... 19 3 81 5
Taylor ... 10 0 55 2
Donnelly ... 8 0 27 1
Morgan ... 2 0 17 0
Glister ... 2 0 15 0

Hongkong Second Innings.
P. T. Lambie, lbw, b Bird ... 4
E. J. B. Mitchell, b Brags ... 23
D. E. Donnelly, c Brags, b Bird ... 25
Bird ... 25
H. E. Taylor, lbw, b Hamilton ... 0
C. Hooper, c Bird, b Hamilton ... 0
R. A. Brand, c Brags, b Hamilton ... 15
A. Whitmarsh, c and b Marley ... 19
Dr. Glister, c Bird, b Brags ... 3
Lieut. Col. Morgan, b Marley ... 38
E. R. Brand, not out ... 14
T. E. Pearce, c Claxton, b Bird ... 3
Extras ... 14
Total ... 158

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Bird ... 8.5 0 42 3
Wittchell ... 3 0 21 0
Hamilton ... 6 0 19 3
Brags ... 6 0 28 2
Marley ... 5 0 33 2

FOOTBALL.

East v. West.
The exhibition game arranged for New Year's day between teams representing the East and West proved quite an attraction, a large crowd assembling at Happy Valley. Play throughout was always interesting, the result of 2 goals all indicating the evenness of the struggle.

Play opened in favour of the Westerners, they working down the field and forcing the goalies to run cut and clear. After a period of pressure on the part of the Eastern forwards the men of the West again applied pressure and the end of a smart run down the field was that the West were just one goal up. Play on both sides

A HONGKONG TRAGEDY.

Revenue Officer McMillan Found Dead.

We regret to record the death, under most tragic circumstances, of Revenue Officer James McMillan. The deceased was found at his residence at Naval Terrace at about eleven o'clock yesterday morning with a bullet wound in his temple and a revolver clamped in his right hand. When the news became known the police removed the body to the Mortuary and sealed the room in which the body was found.

The deceased was formerly a gunner in the R.F.A., and he had seen service in the South African War, for which he received several medals and clasps. On leaving the Army, he joined the Police Force as a constable in 1911, and, some three years later, he was transferred to the Imports and Exports Department, becoming a Revenue Officer. He was an N.C.O. in the Engineer Company of the Volunteer Corps. During his association with the Imports and Exports Department, he was prominently identified with many of the recent large opium seizures, the value of hauls with which he has been concerned running into many thousands of dollars. He was only as recently as Christmas day, (in the company of a comrade, both being attired as Jack Tar), making collections locally on behalf of the Cigarette and Tobacco Fund. He also took a prominent part in the arrangement for the amusement of the children at the Civil Service Cricket Club Christmas Treat a few days ago. The deceased was a married man, his wife and children being at home. He was a native of Armagh, Ireland.

The funeral takes place at five o'clock to-day.

HONGKONG'S WAR PRISONERS.

To be Removed to Australia.
The following notification has been sent us from Government House:—

2nd January 1916.
His Majesty's Government have decided, on general grounds that the prisoners of war and interned women and children in the Colony be transferred to Australia, the Commonwealth having agreed to receive them.

The transfer will take place during the current month.

was good, the forwards showing fine combination. For the East, Leung Wing Tai did good work on the right wing, and it was from one of his many centres that Ogley was able to score the equalising goal. From this point the East seemed to have the better of the exchanges, and the goal of their opponents underwent several narrow escapes. After a few minutes of exciting play in front of goal, Ogley was again successful, he scoring with precision an open goal. There was no more scoring during the first half, and the Easterners crossed over with a lead of two goals to one.

Play during the second half was of a fast and interesting nature, the West striving to equalise in vigorous manner. Eventually they were successful, Hyndman putting in a good shot which the goalies could only partially clear, and the ball going to Clance he had no difficulty in equalising. The rest of the game was an even struggle, and no more scoring taking place. The final whistle sounded with both teams having two goals to their credit.

The referee was Mr. W. V. Cassell.

THE SITUATION IN CANTON.

A Quiet New Year Tide.

As most of our readers must be aware, a strong impression has prevailed in the Colony for some time past that the foreign New Year holiday would not be allowed to go by without demonstrations, in Canton, of hostility to the projected change in the government of China.

Yesterday it was reported in Hongkong that trouble was hourly expected in Canton, but we gather that no disorder of any serious nature has taken place, either in the city or in the outlying districts. The Kwangtung Government, we are informed, has in no way relaxed its vigilance, but it does not anticipate any disturbances. A certain lawlessness is observable in the suburban and country districts; but, as brigandage and minor rioting are not uncommon there in normal times, perhaps little importance is to be attached thereto.

A Hongkong vernacular publication repeated, last night, the rumour which has now been spread for some time that Yunnan Province had declared its independence of the Central Government, and added that Yuan Shih-kai had telegraphed to General Luang Chai-kung, instructing him to send a punitive expedition into Yunnan. The General is said to have replied that he could spare no troops for this purpose. The Chinese periodical further states that a similar message from Yuan Shih-kai to the Governors of two other provinces met with a similar reply.

The following is a translation from the *Sui Kuo Kung Yik Po*—

A telegram received at Peking states that Yunnan Province has declared its independence against the Central Government. There is no fighting.

Chao Huk (?) and Tong Kai-yu have sent a telegram to General Fong Tin saying that he is not to help the Central Government.

Several Mandarins of Yunnan have sent a telegram to all the Provinces saying that they must help to maintain the Republic.

At Hunan, Chan Kwang Tse has received a telegram from the Central Government to bring troops to the Kweichow Province and not to Yunnan.

The Government has sent six big guns to the Southern Provinces by the Peking-Hankow Railway.

Lang Kuan-kwong, of the Canton Government, has received orders from the Central Government to make ready 20,000 troops and proceed to Yunnan, and to delay the departure no longer.

Yesterday at five o'clock the military guards at the gates of Canton were strengthened.

The rumours of the reported trouble on the East and West rivers are unfounded.

New Year's Dance.
The last of the series of dances arranged by the management of the Hongkong Hotel for the festive season took place on Friday night, and once again there was a large attendance of residents and guests. Choice fare was provided in the dining and grill rooms, and later dancing was the attraction, the music being supplied by the band of the 44th Battalion under Bandmaster Abraham. It was a merry company which was the New Year in the building, the midnight hour being marked by all present joining in a song, "God Save the King."

BOMB CASES?

Chinese Charged with Possession.

At the Magistracy, this afternoon, before Mr. J. R. Wood, a Chinese named Ko Shu, was charged on remand with possession of 15 bombcases at Hill Road.

Mr. P. W. Goldring represented the defendant.

An Indian constable gave evidence as to stopping defendant with the bundle which contained the cases.

Mr. Goldring stated that his client's contention was that the cases were for the purpose of holding aniline dyes. That was the statement he had made to the Police, also when he was arrested.

His Worship: Possession is not denied?

Mr. Goldring: No, sir. I don't see how it could be.

A Sergeant Interpreter at the Central Police Station stated that when the man was brought to the station he said that another Chinese had asked him to take the cases to a house in Hill Road, but he did not give any number. He took them there and they were received.

His Worship: Have you got any evidence as to what they are?

Inspector O'Sullivan: No, sir.

His Worship: Then how am I to know what they are? They might be for holding jam for all I know.

Inspector O'Sullivan: They have been submitted to the Government analyst.

His Worship: He ought to have been here now.

Inspector O'Sullivan: It has not been considered necessary in other cases and I did not think it would have been in this.

Mr. Goldring: I submit that my client is entitled to be discharged. I hold there is no case against him.

Mr. E. B. Dorey, assistant Government Analyst, said he believed the tins were used for the purpose of making bomb cases.

They were exactly similar to other tins which were made to take a tube arrangement for taking a detonation. There were fittings which were exactly similar to those which he had seen in another case. These cases worked perfectly. There was no reason why the tins should not be used for holding aniline dyes, but they were rather common for holding such a valuable substance. The dyes were usually sold in glass bottles.

His Worship: Was there anything in the house like this?

Yes, sir.

Mr. Goldring: I don't think there was anything found in the house which would implicate the defendant.

His Worship: I think the Police found in the house some similar tins which were found to contain explosives.

Mr. Goldring: He says he was told to make the tins for aniline dyes and he did so.

Sergeant Cockle deposed that he went to the house and there found several tins similar to the ones produced, some of which contained explosives. Some were empty. The boxes in which the tins were found were covered over with cotton wool. In rolls of cotton were found 281 sticks of dynamite, some acids, glass tubes containing liquid, and a cardboard box containing some powder.

His Worship: They also discovered a quantity of gelatine.

Mr. Dorey (recalled) stated that he was present at the house when the explosives were discovered.

He also saw there seven coils of wire and four boxes of detonators. The detonators were complete for the making of bombs.

His Worship: It seems to me there is a case to answer.

Mr. Goldring said the man had been employed at the Hill Road and by the Electric Light Company. He had now taken a job at the Hill Road.

His Worship: When a man is employed at the Hill Road, it is his duty to make the cases for the Hill Road.

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SHANGHAI SHARE CIRCULAR

Messrs. A. I. Anderson & Co.'s weekly share circular (Shanghai, 24th December, 1914).

The steady daily rise in the London price of Rubber has practically given rubber shares a monopoly of the market's attention during the week; the rise of a penny for "spoke" and of 3d. for forward cargo, since last Saturday, could not fail of an exhilarating effect, more especially as a number of our local companies have been wisely looking to "Safety First" and have sold portions of next year's output F.O.B. Singapore, thereby evading any risk of high freight or insurance. Among the Cottons the shrinkage in value seems to have been arrested for the moment, but the market is by no means active. In other lines hardly any transactions have taken place. To-day's opening rate for J.I.T. on London was 2/8.1/6; the dollar rate being 73.1.

Debentures.—As is usual at the close of each half-year a small demand has obtained, but this has now been satisfied. The French Municipal Council have not made public the result of their advertised issue of Tia 359,000 10/30 year 4 per cent; but we are informed that it was allotted at 24 1/2 per cent premium. Amongst other transactions we noted:—

S.M.C. 5 1/2 per cent (1914) at 104; F.M.C. 6 per cent (1911) at 106; and Race Club 6 per cent at 104.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai were only once brought to business, the price of each being \$330. Cathays have not been noticed.

Marine Insurance.—The easier feeling noticed in our last issue still continues, but no transactions were reported under this heading.

Docks and Engineering.—Shanghai sold at 53, but are firmly held at that. New Engineering are wanted at 93, but no sellers are in evidence.

Land and Hotels.—Anglo-French realized 108 for a small lot, and more shares could be placed at this. Investments changed hands at 107 with more available. Centrals. No business was effected in response to offers of 63.

Cotton Mills.—Very little business doing and not quite so many shares offering, but should the native expectations of trouble up-country in the New Year be justified, there should be cheaper shares obtainable in a month or two.

Industrials.—Lunatics sold at 38 and 35 and would appear to close steady. Sumatras did not come to business, but 129 could be obtained.

Rubbers.—The figures given overlast afforded sufficient comment on this market; that a drop in the price of the raw article and a corresponding depreciation in share values, must sometime come in certain, but the steadily improving position of the London produce market, more especially for 1916 cargo, is very reassuring. Alms The annual meeting was held yesterday, when the payment of a final dividend of 10% making 15% for the year, was passed, and the balance of the profit, Tia 25,154.46, carried forward.

Miscellaneous.—Constructions still wanted at 90, without sales. Gas fell to 32. Cathays Dairy. The annual meeting is called for 30th instant; losses due to an epidemic of rinderpest, moving to new premises, etc., have caused a debit on the year's working of Tia 11,518.78.

Holidays.—Owing to the numerous holidays we shall not again address you until 7th proximo, and we therefore conclude this last issue of our circular this year with the expression to our clients of Seasonable Greetings.

Sale of Crown Lands.—A sale of Crown lands took place this afternoon at the Crown Lands Office, the following being the lots offered with the purchase price and the price paid:—

Lot 2154, area 52,286 square feet, bought at the peak premium of \$5542 by Lo Sai-wang; Infant Lot 2154, area 52,286 square feet, bought at the peak premium of \$5542 by Lo Sai-wang; Infant Lot 2154, area 52,286 square feet, bought at the peak premium of \$5542 by Lo Sai-wang.

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STOCKTAKING SALE

As will be seen from an advertisement elsewhere, Messrs. Whiteaway, Leadless and Co.,

are at present holding a great stocktaking sale, the whole of the Company's stock being for disposal at rock-bottom prices. The object aimed at is to relieve the firm's fixtures of all "screw stock," while all other stock is also being reduced to a minimum. Messrs. Whiteaway have a strong reputation locally for cheapness combined with good quality, and those who take pains to study the prices, and the descriptions of goods, to be found in the advertisement will agree that some wonderful bargains are on offer. A fact not to be lost sight of is that the goods included in the sale will meet the wants of both ladies and gentlemen. The reductions are most substantial. No one should miss paying a visit to this store before the sale ends.

The following extracts are from the fortnightly Price Current and Market Report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce under date of December 31, 1914.

Cotton Yarn.—Business has been on a restricted scale, dealers following a cautious policy and only supplying their immediate needs. There is rumour that the Prospector of Yunnan has declared a republic. This news has had a disquieting effect. Quotations towards the close are slightly easier for 10s. Quotations are—No. 10s at \$91/105 No. 12s at \$95/102 No. 15s at \$96/115 No. 20s at \$100/137. Arrivals 5,500 bales. Sales 1,500 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold stock 47,000 bales. Bargains 13,000 bales.

Cotton piece goods.—There is no change to report since we last wrote, not in any revival anticipated until China New Year. Tuesday's quotation for Spot Mid American was 1731.

Fancy Cotton Goods.—There is small enquiry, mostly for 8s.1c cargo, but the prices offered are generally not sufficiently attractive to induce holders to sell.

Metal.—Since last report further sales of nails, tinplates and bars are reported. Nails have been sold for May-June shipment at about \$14.00 to \$14.50. Tinplates for April-May at \$14.00. Bars for arrival in 3 to 5 months at about 8 1/2 cents per lb. Prices from home show continued firmness. Bars Angles-Plates are quoted at \$20 per ton. Cuttings at 190c and—freight but without engagement. Galvanized wire does not appear to be obtainable.

Flour market report.—Whole market stagnant and unchanged. There are a few enquiries from Coast markets, which however seldom lead to orders.

Locally dealers are inclined to hold their stocks for better prices. Patent \$3.20; Cut off \$2.90; Straight \$2.88; Seconds \$2.84.

Under the auspices of the Royal Naval Quadrille Club, a very enjoyable evening was spent at the Naval Theatre by a good company on New Year's Eve, when the Petty Officers of the Tamar entertained a party of friends.

Among those attending were: Commander and Mrs. Gibson, the latter being presented with a bouquet of flowers by Miss Emily Brenton; Reg. Commander John Dawson, Lieut. Nuthall and Sergeant Lloyd. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. F. Balfour, whilst the pipers were Messrs. Balfour, Smith, Peckett, and Clelland. Dancing was continued till 2 o'clock. After midnight the duties of M.C. were performed by Miss Razavet and Miss Tatum, this being introduced to mark the entry of Leap Year. An enjoyable time was brought to close by a few words of thanks by Mr. Lloyd and two songs by Miss Wilks. Those responsible for the decorations were Messrs. Balfour, Peckett, Ray, Clelland, and Caldwell.

THE LATE MRS. MURRAY BAIN.

The funeral is taking place from the Chapel in the Colonial Cemetery at Happy Valley this evening of the late Mrs. Ellen Murray Bain, widow of the late Mr. George Murray Bain, for very many years proprietor of the China Mail. The deceased lady, who was extremely well-known in Hongkong and the Far East generally, passed away at Ningpo on December 24, and her remains were brought to this Colony on the s.s. Shanghai yesterday.

The late Mrs. Bain came East shortly after her marriage, well over 40 years ago, and though her health had been rather indifferent of late, her death came somewhat unexpectedly. The sympathy of many friends is extended to the family in their bereavement.

POLICE RESERVISTS CHURCH PARADE.

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28th	—
29th	—
30th	—
31st	—
Total	—

Colony's Health.

During the week ending December 31st there were notified three cases of diphtheria, two of which were fatal; one fatal case of scarlet fever, and one fatal case of enteric fever. All the cases were among the Chinese. One diphtheria case was notified as occurring from post-pneumonia.

The total number of cases of plague from January 1, 1914, has been 145, of which 140 proved to be fatal. There were all Chinese.

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HONGKONG TRADE

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Cotton Yarn.—Business has been on a restricted scale, dealers following a cautious policy and only supplying their immediate needs. There is rumour that the Prospector of Yunnan has declared a republic. This news has had a disquieting effect. Quotations towards the close are slightly easier for 10s. Quotations are—No. 10s at \$91/105 No. 12s at \$95/102 No. 15s at \$96/115 No. 20s at \$100/137. Arrivals 5,500 bales. Sales 1,500 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold stock 47,000 bales. Bargains 13,000 bales.

Cotton piece goods.—There is no change to report since we last wrote, not in any revival anticipated until China New Year. Tuesday's quotation for Spot Mid American was 1731.

Fancy Cotton Goods.—There is small enquiry, mostly for 8s.1c cargo, but the prices offered are generally not sufficiently attractive to induce holders to sell.

Metal.—Since last report further sales of nails, tinplates and bars are reported. Nails have been sold for May-June shipment at about \$14.00 to \$14.50. Tinplates for April-May at \$14.00. Bars for arrival in 3 to 5 months at about 8 1/2 cents per lb. Prices from home show continued firmness. Bars Angles-Plates are quoted at \$20 per ton. Cuttings at 190c and—freight but without engagement. Galvanized wire does not appear to be obtainable.

Flour market report.—Whole market stagnant and unchanged. There are a few enquiries from Coast markets, which however seldom lead to orders.

Locally dealers are inclined to hold their stocks for better prices. Patent \$3.20; Cut off \$2.90; Straight \$2.88; Seconds \$2.84.

Under the auspices of the Royal Naval Quadrille Club, a very enjoyable evening was spent at the Naval Theatre by a good company on New Year's Eve, when the Petty Officers of the Tamar entertained a party of friends.

Among those attending were: Commander and Mrs. Gibson, the latter being presented with a bouquet of flowers by Miss Emily Brenton; Reg. Commander John Dawson, Lieut. Nuthall and Sergeant Lloyd. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. F. Balfour, whilst the pipers were Messrs. Balfour, Smith, Peckett, and Clelland. Dancing was continued till 2 o'clock. After midnight the duties of M.C. were performed by Miss Razavet and Miss Tatum, this being introduced to mark the entry of Leap Year. An enjoyable time was brought to close by a few words of thanks by Mr. Lloyd and two songs by Miss Wilks. Those responsible for the decorations were Messrs. Balfour, Peckett, Ray, Clelland, and Caldwell.

THE LATE MRS. MURRAY BAIN.

The funeral is taking place from the Chapel in the Colonial Cemetery at Happy Valley this evening of the late Mrs. Ellen Murray Bain, widow of the late Mr. George Murray Bain, for very many years proprietor of the China Mail. The deceased lady, who was extremely well-known in Hongkong and the Far East generally, passed away at Ningpo on December 24, and her remains were brought to this Colony on the s.s. Shanghai yesterday.

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WAR TELEGRAMS

(Continued from page 5)

S.S. PERSIA TORPEDOED.

It is reported in Lloyd's that the P. and O. s.s. Persia was sunk on December 30. Most of the passengers and crew were lost. The vessel was bound from London to Bombay.

The Persia was last reported at Malta on December 28. The shock to the public recalls that evoked by the sinking of the Lusitania, especially after the immunity which these passenger steamers have hitherto enjoyed. No details are given, but some Americans are believed to have been on board.

The Persia was of 7,974 tons register with a speed of eighteen knots, and she had all up-to-date improvements. The P. and O. office states that the last direct information concerning the ship was dated December 28. She carried a large number of passengers and a considerable crew but at present the official figures are not available.

The passenger list of the Persia contains a total of 231 booked from London, of whom 87 were women and 25 children.

It is officially stated that the Persia was sunk off Crete. The steamer conveying survivors from the four boats, which alone got away, is expected at Alexandria to-day.

There were three Americans aboard the Persia. It is officially stated that the Persia was torpedoed.

The crew of the Persia numbered between two hundred and three hundred, mostly Lusitania; thus, even if four boats each had a full complement of sixty, the death toll must be in the region of two hundred.

HIS MAJESTY'S MESSAGE TO FRANCE.

His Majesty the King, on the occasion of the New Year, telegraphed to President Poincaré his warmest wishes for his welfare. His Majesty says: "The heroism and sacrifices of our gallant soldiers and sailors have rendered indissoluble the ties binding the two countries." The King expresses deep admiration for the splendid qualities of the land and sea forces of France which, he is sure, will guarantee ultimate victory.

THE REVENUE.

The Revenue for the quarter amounts to £84,390,510, an increase of £21,067,141.

A FRENCH COMMUNIQUE.

A Paris communique states that our batteries successfully bombarded the enemy's first and second line trenches in Belgium. We also wrecked a German work west of Soppe. The Germans in the Vosges, after artillery preparation, launched an infantry attack at Hirsstein which was completely repulsed. The German aviators over Salonica dropped bombs on Greek troops. The Allied artillery at the Dardanelles effectively bombarded Turkish batteries on the Asiatic coast destroying several guns and exploding a munition depot.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

The Honorary Cross of The Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (1818) has been conferred upon His Highness the Sultan of Johore. The following have been appointed Companions of The Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (1818): Mr. Thomas Harold Lyle, Consul General of Bangkok, Mr. Arthur Hyde Lay, Consul General, Seoul, and Mr. Bernard Senior, Treasurer, Ceylon. Knighthoods have been conferred upon the Hon. John Alexander Strachey Bucknill, K.C., Chief Justice Federated Malay States, formerly Attorney General, Hongkong, and Mr. F. S. Bourne, Judge at Weihaiwei, formerly of Shanghai.

THE ANCONA NOTE.

The Austrian reply to the American Note is a remarkable climb-down, and positively concurs with the principles that private vessels, if they do not try to escape or resist, shall not be destroyed until the passengers and crew are placed in safety. The Austrians are anxious that relations with America should be still more cordial. The submarine believed that the Ancona was a transport, and the reply says that the commander was most careful that passengers could save themselves before it was sunk. The note affirms that all could have been saved if the ship had not been deserted by the crew, and further declares that Austria cannot be responsible for the capsizing of boats before the torpedo was fired. Nevertheless Austria was desirous to show friendly feelings to America and is prepared to even indemnify cases of loss which cannot be proved against the submarine.

BRYAN'S PEACE TREATY.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states that the personnel of the International Commission representing Britain and the United States, under the peace treaty negotiated by Mr. Bryan, includes the American jurist, Mr. George Gray, Lord Bryce, the Arctic Explorer Dr. Nansen to be umpire. If British Dominions are involved in the controversy, the respective High Commissioners will represent them.

CANADIAN FINANCE.

According to Reuter's Ottawa correspondent, Mr. White, the Minister of Finance, in his statement, says that owing to the reduction in the expedition, due to the policy proceeding only with works under contract at the outbreak of war, and largely increased customs excise revenues, the Canadian financial position is most favourable. These increases, together with the recent loan, provide war expenditure until June.

FORD'S "ARK"

The Ford expedition has set out for Copenhagen from Stockholm.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

Reuter's correspondent at Teheran states that the Russians found 1,630,000 rifle cartridges, and 3,000 rounds of gun ammunition at Kum. Colonel Edwall, the Swedish Chief Instructor of the gendarmerie and two rebel instructors have been dismissed, while another has resigned.

THE QUESTION OF COMPULSION.

There was a meeting of the Cabinet which lasted for over two hours, Mr. Asquith presiding. There was a full attendance. It is generally surmised that the whole of the compulsion question was discussed. No statement is expected till Parliament re-assembles. Probably Mr. Henderson will convey the Cabinet's decisions at the forthcoming great Labour Congress.

There was another meeting of the full Cabinet later in the afternoon.

The Cabinet meeting was again prolonged and has been adjourned till Monday. It is understood that the consideration of the draft of the National Service Bill was not completed. The full attendance at both meetings is regarded as showing that there have been no resignations hitherto.

It is authoritatively stated that, as a result of to-day's Cabinet meeting, there are no longer any fears of a crisis, involving resignations. A basis of unanimity was reached and there was complete acceptance of the principle that the "Asquith pledge" must be observed. When the Bill is submitted to Parliament it will be unanimously supported by those members of the Government whose conversion has hitherto been doubtful. The only doubtful Minister is Mr. Henderson, whose position is dependent on the attitude of the Labour Conference.

It is reported that, at the Labour Conference last night, Mr. Henderson advised the general acceptance of the Government scheme.

PROMOTIONS.

The following have been gazetted Lieut. Generals: Major General William Fulteney, C.B., and Major General Aymer.

AUSTRALIA AND THE WAR.

Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne says that the Advisory Council on freights is preparing a scheme which will embrace all overseas shipping to and from Australia as though it were controlled by a single company.

THE ILL-FATED NATAL.

The survivors of H.M.S. Natal are fourteen officers and 373 men. The chief officers saved are Lieut.-Commander T. ndall, Lieut. Fildes, Engineer-Commander Greenham, Captain Hazen of the Marines, Fleet Surgeon Turk, sub-Lieut. Price and Chaplain Driscoll.

The Admiralty announces that twenty-five officers perished in the sinking of the Natal, including Captain Back, Commander Hutching and Lieutenant-Commanders Murray and Harrison.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

A Headquarters' despatch says that sixteen of our aeroplanes bombed Commines station, together with the railway line and sheds. Ten aeroplanes attacked Herilly Aerodrome, which was considerably damaged. All the machines, in both cases, returned safely. There were twelve air encounters during the day. One of our machines engaged four of the enemy; one of the latter is believed to have been brought down. Another was damaged and all four were driven off.

One of our aeroplanes was brought down as a result of a combat with two hostile machines. The enemy, during the night, heavily shelled our trenches south of Fricourt, and a few Germans penetrated one of our front trenches; but they were immediately ejected. The weather has been fine. Our artillery has been active at various places. Artillery on both sides has been active north of Ypres.

A Paris communique states that a German grenade attack was defeated in Champagne.

An official despatch from Headquarters says that the enemy has been active mining about the quarries North of Loos. Five mines were exploded last night causing some few casualties with slight damage to our trenches. No attack was made and the damage is being repaired. There has been artillery activity on both sides about Halluch, Givenchy, Wytschaete, and St. Julien and an increase of hostile shelling about Armentieres. Our heavy howitzers considerably damaged various points on the hostile line.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris President Poincaré, in a long New Year's letter to the troops, dwells on the unshaken unanimity of the country to prosecute the war until victory is achieved. He declares that no compromise is possible and that any ambiguous offer of peace would merely mean dishonour, ruin and enslavement and that any momentary faltering would be ingratitude to the dead and treason to posterity. "The nation which first grows tired will be vanquished, but France will not grow tired. Never had we a finer army or better trained and braver troops. Everywhere I have seen you I have quivered with admiration and hope that you will conquer and that the year now opening will complete the defeat of the enemy and will bring you the joy of victory."

A Paris communique states that there have only been minor operations, favourable to the French.

EGYPTIAN FRONTIER FIGHT.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Cairo, details of the Egyptian frontier fight show that the Arabs at Matruh fled in disorder, leaving four hundred killed and eighty-two prisoners, besides much booty. Our casualties were only ten killed and fifty-three wounded.

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NOTICES

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Any European, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain Superintendent of Police, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel or the hour of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Hongkong 24th July, 1915.

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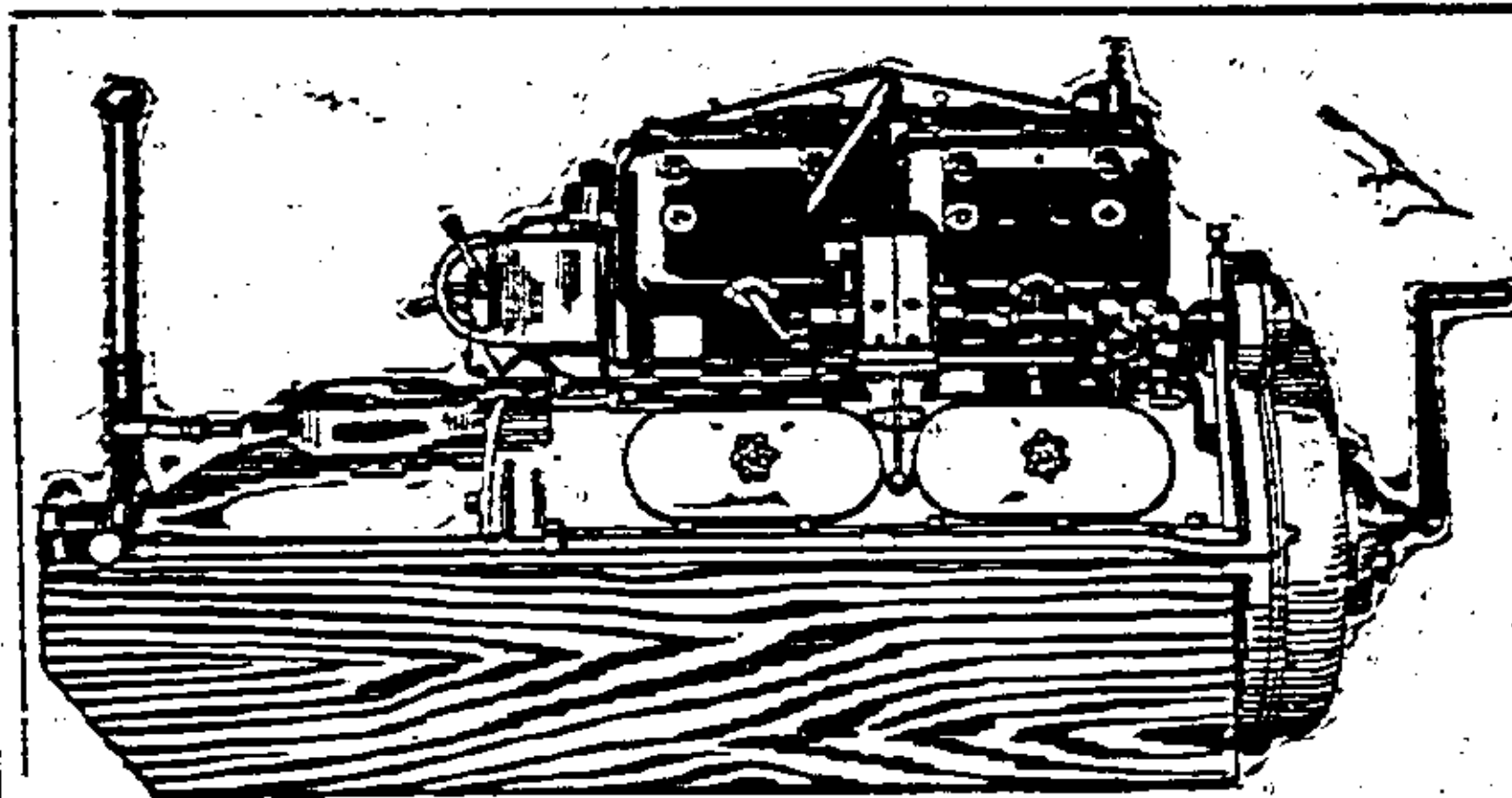
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